

Replacement Sheet

ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus for bill verification in a communication and computing environment is disclosed. The apparatus includes a user device and a bill verification device. The user device independently generates user data records that describe usage units of a service and transmits the user data records to a bill verification device. The bill verification device collects bill calculation information from a user device, from a service provider device and a service provider billing system and independently calculates and generates a bill with embedded inter-bill difference indicators. The bill verification device is further used as a post-billing usage control mechanism.